



In Remembrance...

LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

“To Enhance The Quality Of Life Within Our Community”

- ❑ Preserving peace and maintaining order.
- ❑ Enforcing the law.
- ❑ Protecting life and property.
- ❑ Reducing the fear of crime by preventative and direct control techniques, increasing public awareness to eliminate opportunities of criminal activity, protecting individual rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution, and providing for additional community service needs.

The active involvement of City residents through the formation of a public/private sector partnership is essential to the accomplishment of these items.



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New Police Complex

Construction of the new Police Department complex began in December of 2002. The first phase of the project was completed and the new building was occupied on November 18, 2003. The second phase,

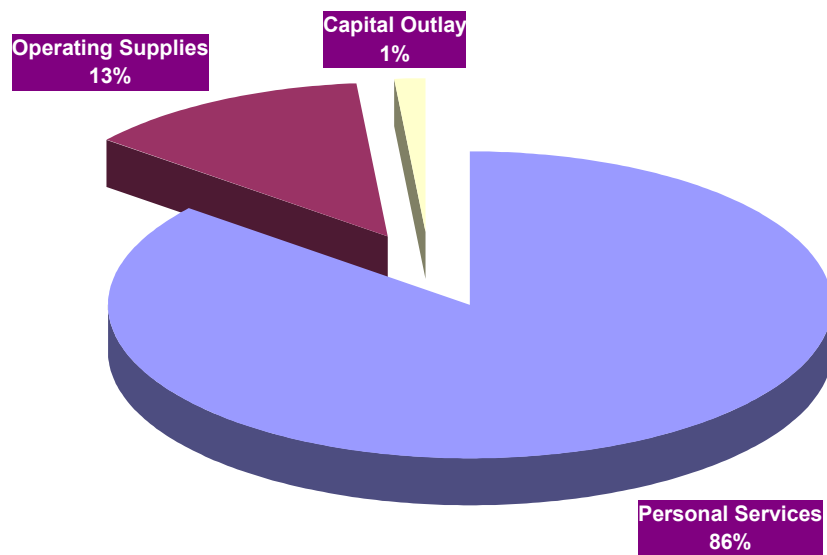
which included demolition of the old building and completion of the parking lot was completed in January 2004. The facility was constructed by R.D. Michaels, Inc. of Maitland, Florida.





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2003/2004 Annual Budget

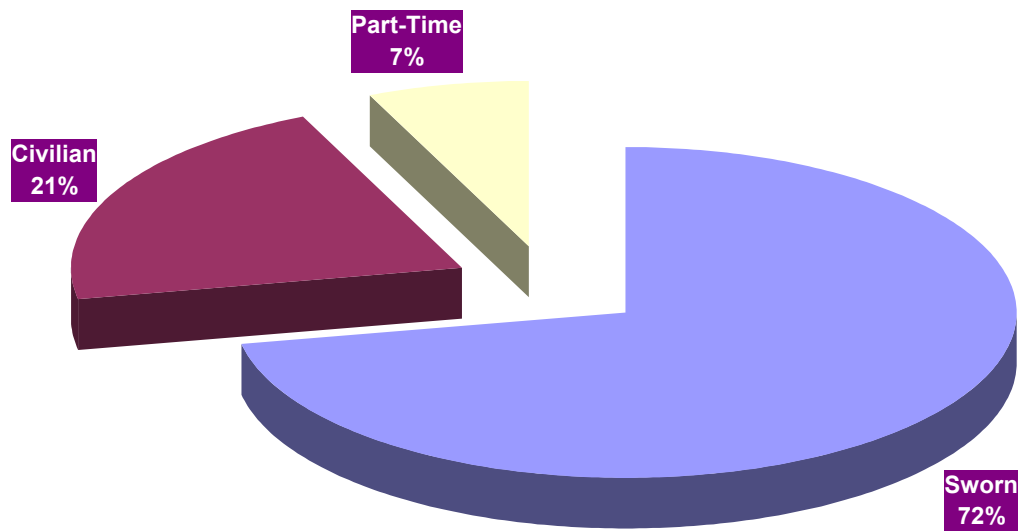


<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>5,162,219</i>	<i>82%</i>
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<i>816,880</i>	<i>13%</i>
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<i>344,419</i>	<i>5%</i>

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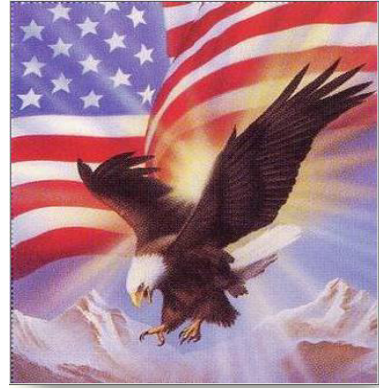
2003/2004 Personnel



<i>Classification</i>	<i>Employees</i>
<i>Sworn</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>Civilian</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Part-Time</i>	<i>7</i>

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2003 Monthly Awards

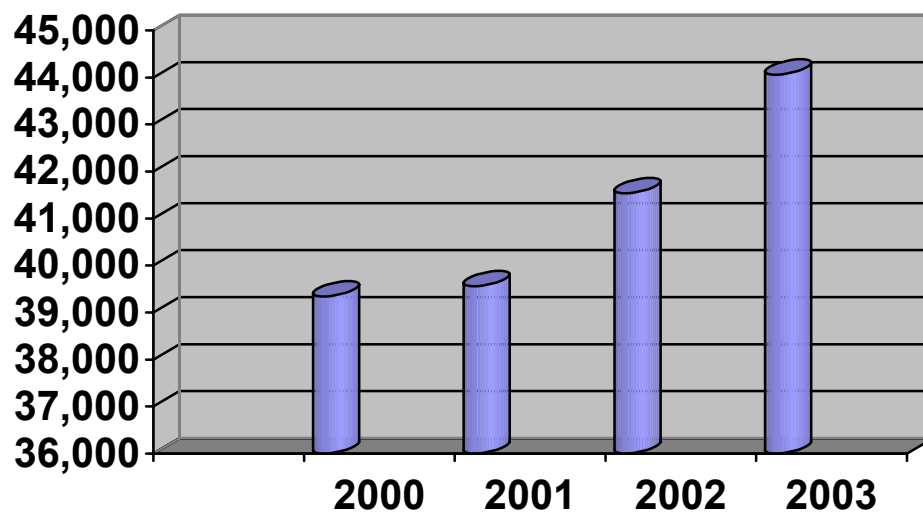


	POLICE OFFICER	SUPPORT SERVICES
January	John Daniels Norman Little	Ralph Barry
February	Jeremy Stevens	Larry Byrd
March	Scott Sparkman	Melyssa Roe Mimsy Goodwin
April	Joe Iozzi	Susan Wallace
May	Liz Warchol	Mary Catherine Smith
June	Charles Pinkston	Mary Lee Edwards
July	Brandon Brinkman	Ralph Barry
August	Dave Robison Mike Cassidy	Susan Wallace
September	Charles Pinkston	Steve Griswold
October	Jeff Broneck	Larry Byrd
November	Chris Parsons	Alana Swafford
December	Jeremy Stevens Chris Parsons	Ralph Barry

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REPORTED CRIME AND ARREST STATISTICS

Calls for Service

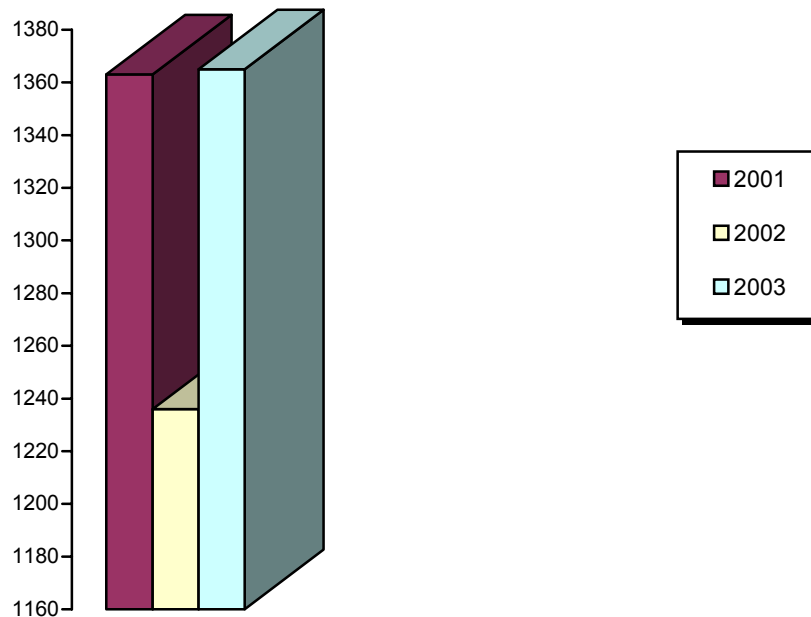


Year	Calls for Service	Percent (+/-)
2000	39,340	- 2%
2001	39,558	+ 1%
2002	41,534	+ 5%
2003	44,060	+ 6%

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Part I Crimes

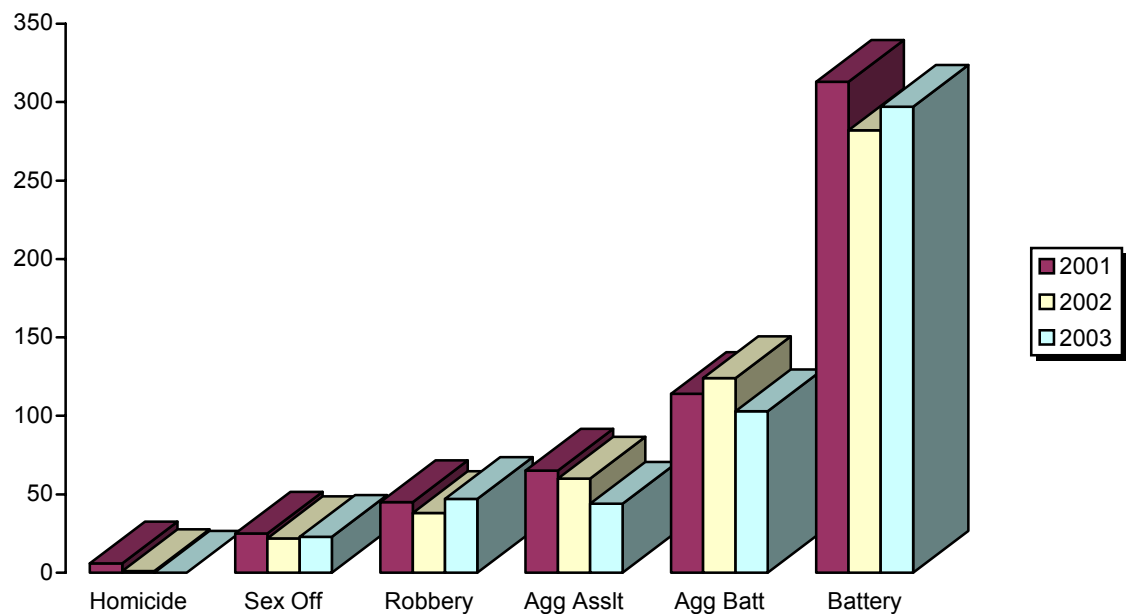
Homicide	Sex Offenses: Forcible	Aggravated Assault
Vehicle Burglary	Business Burglary	Conveyance Burglary
Hotel/Motel Burglary	Residential Burglary	School Burglary
Larceny (All)	Vehicle Theft	Arson
	Robbery	



<i>Part I Crimes</i>		<i>Percent (+/-)</i>	
2001	1363	-	2%
2002	1236	-	9%
2003	1365	+	9%

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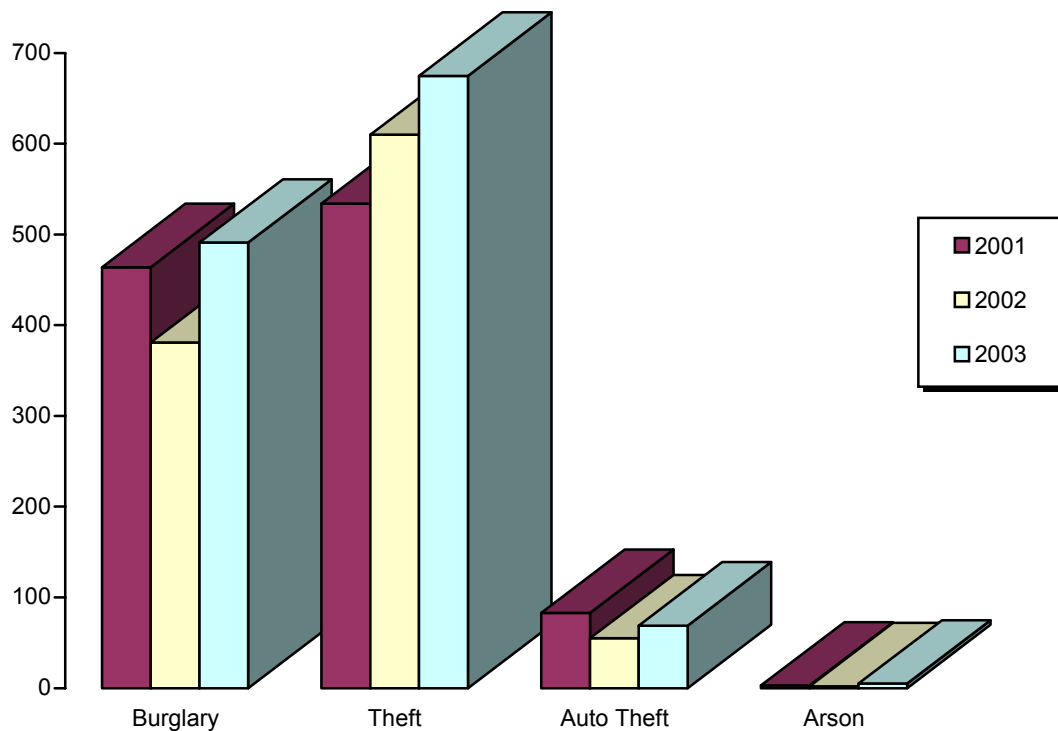
Violent Crimes



Crime	2001	2002	2003	Percent (+/-)
<i>Homicide</i>	6	1	0	- 100%
<i>Sex Offenses</i>	25	22	23	- 4%
<i>Robbery</i>	45	38	47	+ 9%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	65	60	44	- 27%
<i>Aggravated Battery</i>	114	124	103	- 17%
<i>Battery</i>	313	282	297	+ 5%

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Property Crimes

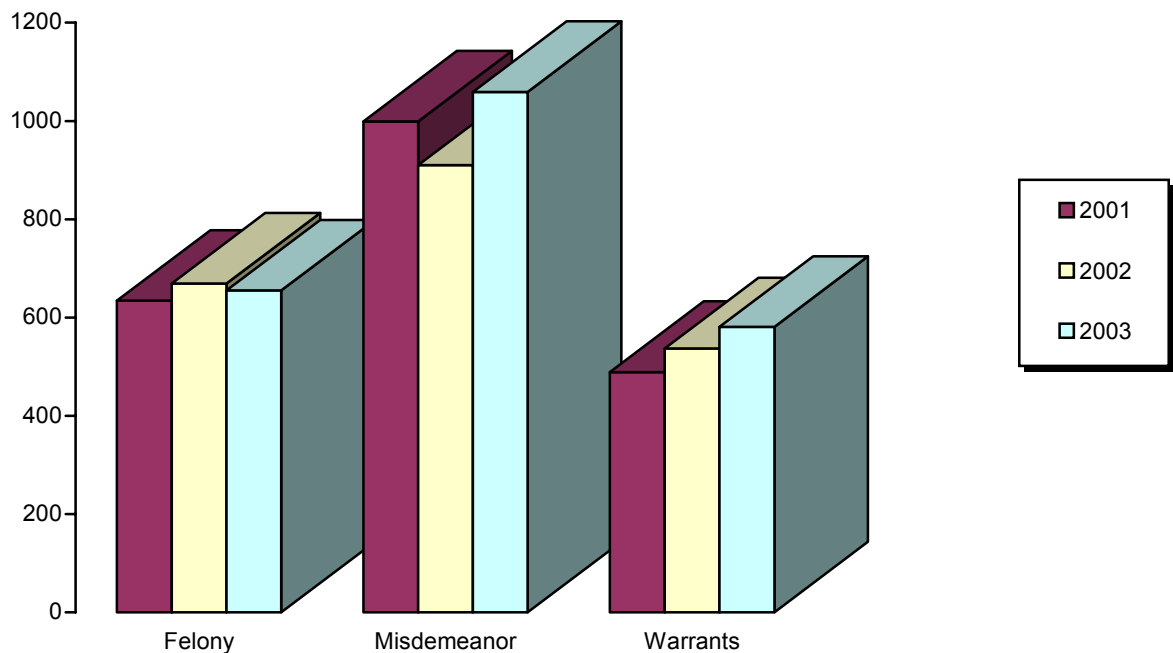


<i>Crime</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>Percent (+/-)</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	<i>464</i>	<i>381</i>	<i>491</i>	<i>+ 32%</i>
<i>Theft</i>	<i>534</i>	<i>610</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>+ 10%</i>
<i>Auto Theft</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>+ 20%</i>
<i>Arson</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>+ 3 cases</i>

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Criminal Arrests

The reported crime and arrest statistics shown have been compiled from the Police Department computer system for a year to year comparison. Arrest statistics indicate the number of persons arrested, not the number of individual charges made. Some defendants have been charged with more than one crime.

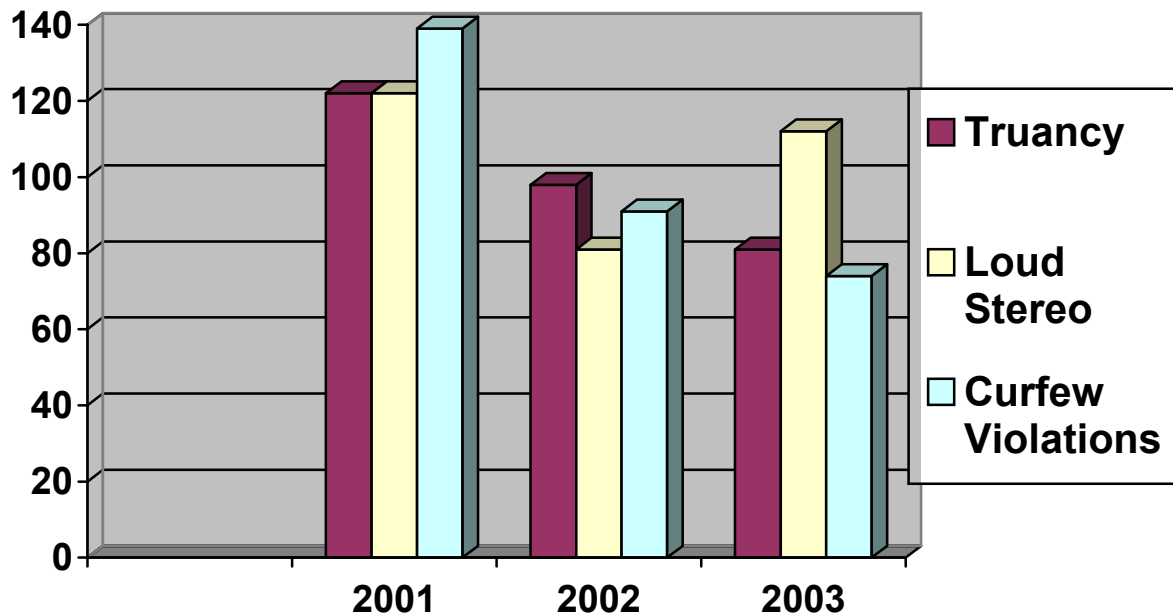


	2001	2002	2003	Percent (+/-)
<i>Felony Arrests</i>	634	669	655	- 2%
<i>Misdemeanor Arrests</i>	999	910	1059	+ 14%
<i>Warrant Arrests</i>	489	537	581	+ 8%

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Specific Non-Criminal Enforcement

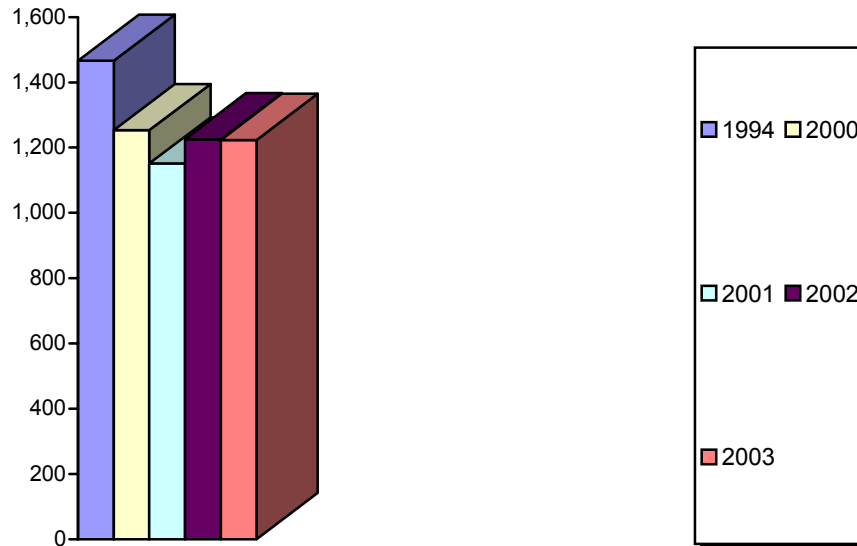
The specific cases indicated below are selectively enforced and specifically tracked in response to citizen concerns expressed to department personnel regarding these violations.



	2001	2002	2003	Percent (+/-)
<i>Truancy Cases</i>	122	98	81	- 7 %
<i>Loud Stereo Citations</i>	122	81	112	+ 28 %
<i>Curfew Violations</i>	139	91	74	- 19 %

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Traffic Crashes



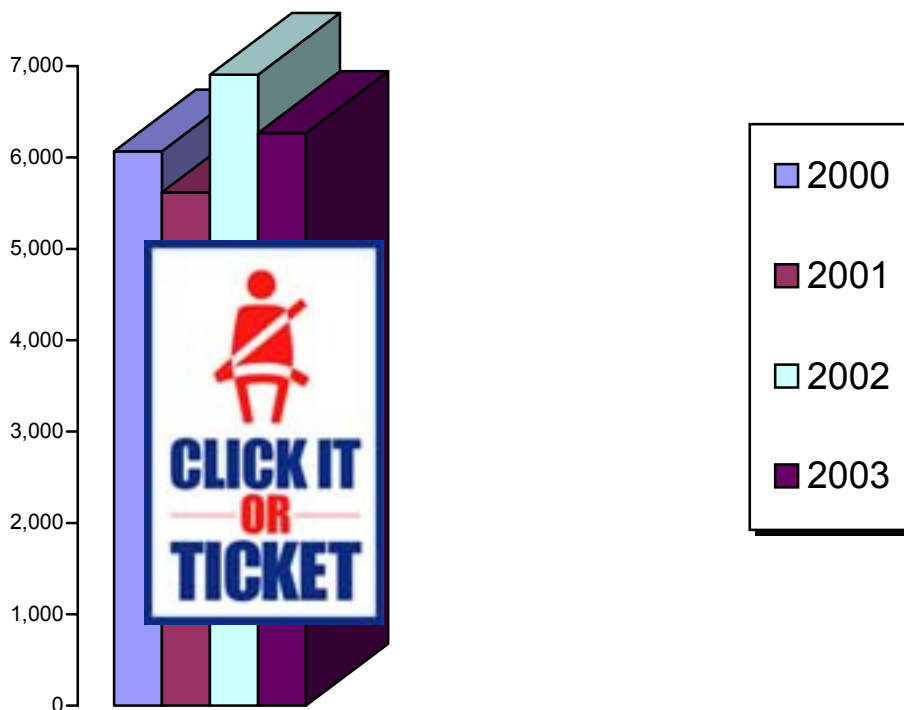
Year	Reported	Percent (+/-)
1994	1,466	All time high
2000	1,253	- 15 crashes
2001	1,151	- 8%
2002	1,225	+ 6%
2003	1,223	- 2 crashes

In 1994, the number of traffic crashes worked by the Leesburg Police Department totaled a high of 1,466. During 1995, changes were put in place utilizing selective traffic enforcement in high traffic crash areas in an effort to reduce the number of crashes and related property damage and injuries. The introduction of the Motor Squad to work selective traffic enforcement has been a major contributor to the original reduction of crashes and in maintaining that reduction.



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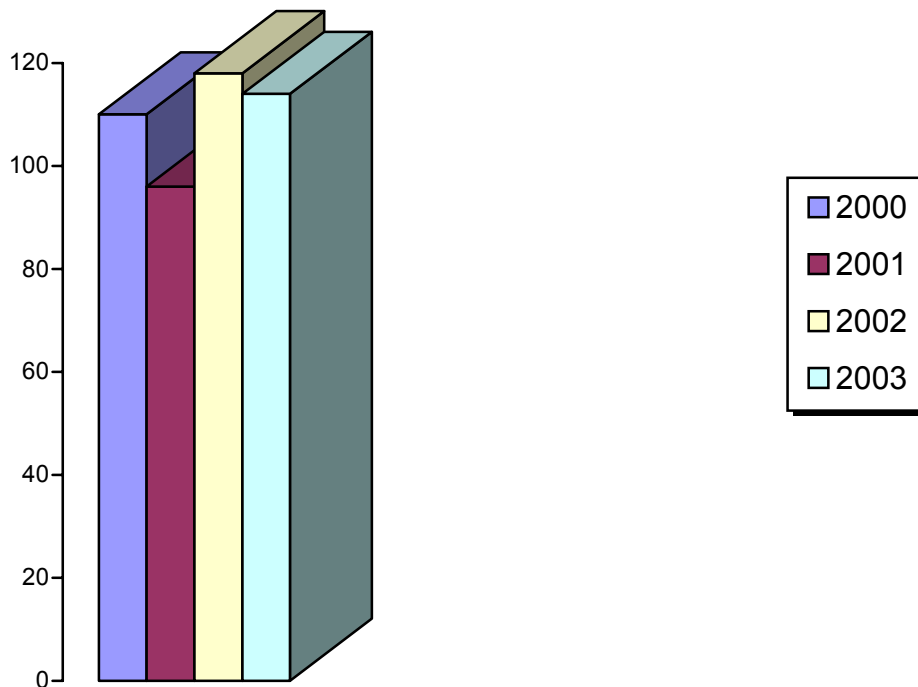
Traffic Citations



Year	Citations	Percent (+/-)
2000	6,068	- 20%
2001	5,619	- 7%
2002	6,905	+ 19%
2003	6,268	- 9%

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DUI Arrests



Year	DUI Arrests	Percent (+/-)
2000	110	- 15%
2001	96	- 13%
2002	118	+ 19%
2003	114	- 3%



Arrive Alive
Don't Drink & Drive!

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Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department. This division consists of 41 Officers, five Corporals, four Sergeants, two Lieutenants and one Major. The primary function of the Patrol Division is answering calls for service within the community. Our Patrol Division handles approximately 3,400 calls for service each month. In 2003, Department records reflected 44,060 calls for service.

To better handle the unique demands on modern law enforcement, our Patrol Division also includes several specialized units. These units include our Motor Squad, S.W.A.T. Team, and K-9 Unit.

Motor Squad

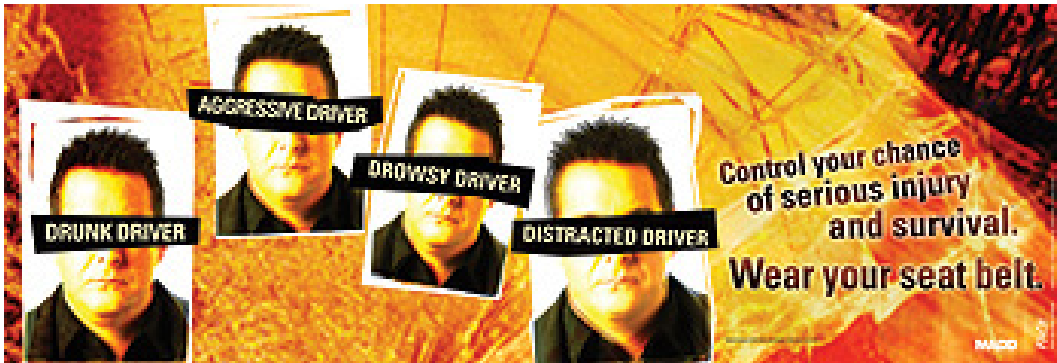
The Motor Squad is made up of four Patrol Officers who are specifically assigned to work selective traffic enforcement and investigate traffic crashes. The officers utilize Harley-Davidson motorcycles to accomplish their mission, which enables them to move more freely through congested traffic. During the 2003 calendar year, the Motor Squad was responsible for 26% of the traffic citations issued by the Department and for investigating 58% of the traffic crashes which occurred within the City. Currently, three Motor Officers are trained as Traffic Homicide Investigators and have conducted traffic homicide investigations which resulted from 8 traffic fatalities during the year. They have also conducted 3 preliminary investigations which fortunately, did not result in fatalities. In addition to their traffic enforcement duties, the Motor Squad is responsible for conducting equipment inspections on all wreckers used in our area.



The Motor Squad Officers strongly support the department's philosophy of Citizen Oriented Policing and have participated in numerous educational programs like the "Back to School Safety Fair", "Red Ribbon Week", "Career Day" and "Walk Your Children to School Day" at our

local schools. They conducted one Child Safety Seat Checkpoint in Leesburg, furnished 8 car seats to needy families within our community and assisted 12 citizens by teaching them the proper method of installing a child safety seat. The officers actively support and assist the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) and the Traffic Incident Management Team (TIMS).

The Leesburg Police Department participated with other local agencies in DUI enforcement projects, participated in the “Buckle-Up Florida”, “Stop Red Light Running Week”, and the “Florida DUI Enforcement Mobilization” campaigns this year to promote public safety and awareness.



The goal of the Motor Squad Officers is to decrease the number of crashes and fatalities which occur within our City by educating citizens on safety and proper driving habits.



S.W.A.T. Team

S.W.A.T. Operations

The year 2003 proved to be another successful and challenging year for the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team. During 2003 the S.W.A.T. team handled eleven missions which included the service of 10 search warrants, and one call out for barricaded suspect. During the barricaded suspect call out, the team was utilized to search an apartment believed to be occupied by several armed suspects. The team utilized several specialty items of equipment, such as shields, mirrors, and a pole camera, to handle the incident safely. During the year the SWAT team took 23 suspects into custody, many of whom were selling drugs on the streets of our city.



S.W.A.T. Round-Up 2003



Once again the Leesburg Police Department SWAT Team traveled to Orlando FL to compete in the 2003 S.W.A.T. Round-Up. This year there were eighty teams from around the world that arrived to compete, which included eight foreign teams. As usual the Leesburg Police Department was one of the smallest agencies represented at the competition. Upon completing the challenging and grueling week, The Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team finished 22nd place in the overall standings. The team members also attended 72 hrs of required educational classes while at the competition.

Training

The SWAT Team conducted 506 hrs of in-service training during the year 2003. The training included vehicle takedowns where officers shot into an actual vehicle, active countermeasures, defensive tactics, weapon retention, and a nine hour active shooter scenario in the high school where all SWAT Officers and hostage negotiators worked together to solve the problem.



CANINE UNIT

Overview

The Leesburg Police Department Canine Unit consists of four German Shepherds which are trained in Narcotic Detection, Tracking, Building Search, Area Search, Evidence Recovery, Criminal Apprehension, and Handler Protection. 2003 was an excellent year for the unit as a whole.



Training



Our canine unit training program is supervised by a CJSTC certified K-9 Training Team Instructor/Evaluator. Training sessions include all aspects of the team's capabilities as well as "real world" scenarios to evaluate proficiency. During 2003, the unit conducted **649 hours** of in-service training.

Deployment Data

Narcotics Deployment

Examinations Conducted

Positive Responses

Vehicles **533**

286

Buildings **1**

1

Article **25**

1

Aircraft **1**

1

Schools **1**

1

Total **561**

290

Drug Seizures**Drug: Estimated Street Value:**

Cocaine:	83.96 Grams	\$ 7,930.00
Cannabis:	692.60 Grams	\$ 3,498.00
Paraphernalia:	40 items	\$ 166.00
GHB:	1,734.00 Grams	\$ 400.00
Methamphetamine:	19.10 Grams	\$ 2,490.00
Prescription Drugs:	24 Grams	\$ 215.00

Total Street value of Drug Seizures: \$ 14,699.00

Property Seizures**Property Type: Estimated Value:**

Vehicles: 5	\$ 45,200.00
Firearms: 8	\$ 1,925.00
Currency:	\$ 4,299.00
Other: 3	\$ 11.00

Total value of Seizures: \$ 51,435.00

General Duty Deployment:**Conducted: Arrests:**

Tracks:	26	6
Building Searches:	28	1
Area Searches:	6	0
Pursuits:	2	3
Support Deployment:	3	3

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Criminal Investigations Division

During 2003, the value of property recovered by the Division was \$375,237. The case clearance mean for the Criminal Investigations Division is 74% based on the UCR Criteria.

The Drug/Vice Unit made 156 cases, including drug buys, search warrants, Lewd/Lascivious Acts, Sale of Alcohol without a License, Assignment to Commit Prostitution, and Assignment to Commit a Lewd Act. The total street value of narcotics seized was \$33,278.00. U.S. currency in the amount of \$12,352.00 was also seized during these investigations. A total of \$7,178.58 was transferred into the Forfeiture fund.



No homicides occurred during 2003. Pursuant to a continuing investigation in a 2002 homicide, an additional suspect was arrested and charged with 1st degree Murder, Armed Kidnapping and Armed Robbery. Trial for this case is scheduled for April 2004.

The Division received 4,446 items of evidence for the year.

A total of 21 voice stress analyses were conducted. Three additional officers received training in the use of voice stress analysis equipment.

During the move in 2003 to the new Facility, evidence from 4 locations was consolidated into one location in the new evidence section.

	2001	2002	2003
Cases Assigned for Investigation	1,921	2,146	1,539
Cases Cleared	793	1,111	1,143
Felony Arrests	186	201	156
Misdemeanor Arrests	23	77	80

Criminal Intelligence Unit



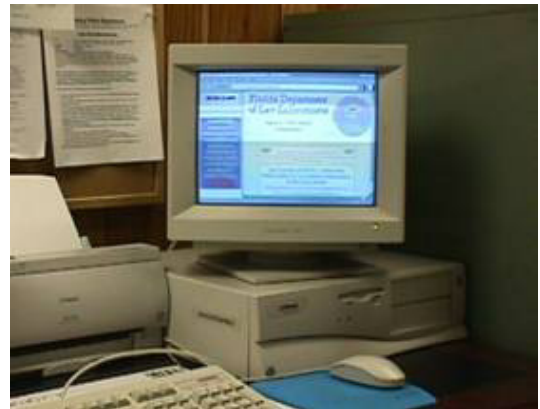
The scope of the Criminal Intelligence Unit's activities remained relatively the same for 2003 as the previous year.

Increased emphasis on the topic of terrorism encouraged the gathering, analyzing, and dissemination of criminal intelligence.

During 2003, there were 107 missing person reports forwarded to the Unit for follow-up. With the exception of two runaway juveniles, all missing persons were located and returned home safely. The majority of those reports involved juveniles who were missing for less than forty-eight (48) hours.

As assigned by the Chief of Police, the Unit may conduct special assignments or special investigations; employment background investigations and tracking of sexual offenders/predators in the community are just two of those responsibilities.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission requires that thorough background investigations be conducted on all sworn law enforcement officers. During 2003, 26 applicants seeking sworn positions were the subject of in-depth background investigations; 8 of those applicants were subsequently employed by the department. In addition, background investigations were conducted on 10 civilian applicants; 3 of those individuals were hired to fill non-sworn positions.



The Sexual Offender/Predator Notification Law, effective on July 1, 1998, mandates law enforcement agencies inform the community of a sexual predator's presence. Within 48 hours after receiving notification of the presence of a sexual predator, the Sheriff or Police Chief of the municipality, where the predator resides, must notify each licensed day care center, elementary school, middle school, and high school within a 1 mile radius of the predator's residence. During 2003, no new sexual predators moved into the City's jurisdiction. The Criminal Intelligence Officer continued to make a monthly visit to the home of each of the three sexual predators living within the City. Quarterly, on-site verifications of residence for those offenders/predators failing to properly register were also conducted.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) maintains and updates a website of the sexual predators and offenders living in the state. The Website address is: http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/ Although FDLE updates this site on a regular basis, the information can change quickly. You are cautioned that it is possible that information provided on this site may not reflect the current residence, status or other information regarding an individual.

FDLE has also established a toll-free number (1-888-FL-PREDATOR) or (1-888-357-7332) that allows the public to request information about Sexual Predators and Sex Offenders living in their communities and around the state. Requests may be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

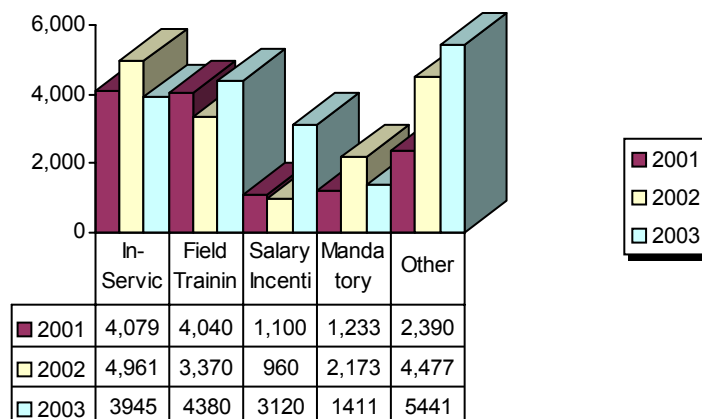
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Training



Leesburg Police Department's education and training programs have proven successful during the calendar year 2003. Education and training are the fundamental elements bringing law enforcement closer to a true profession. Our dedication to this endeavor is evident in the figures seen below.

In-Service training consists of job specific topics which include firearms, CPR, baton, criminal law updates, terrorism, blood borne pathogens and policy review. The category of "Other" training refers to outside classes attended by personnel which are designed to enhance their knowledge and skills in a specific area and often results in the employee obtaining an instructors certificate in the topic.



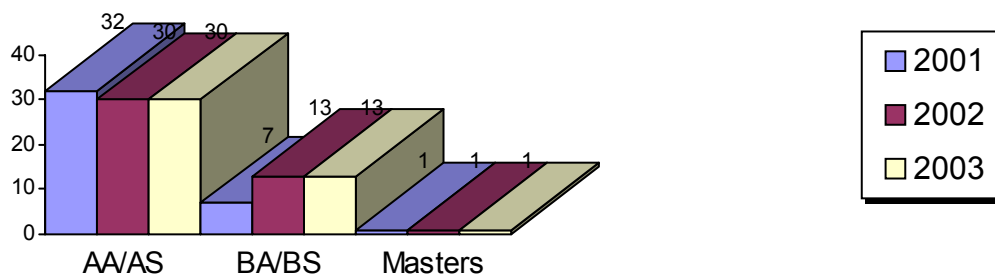
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Education

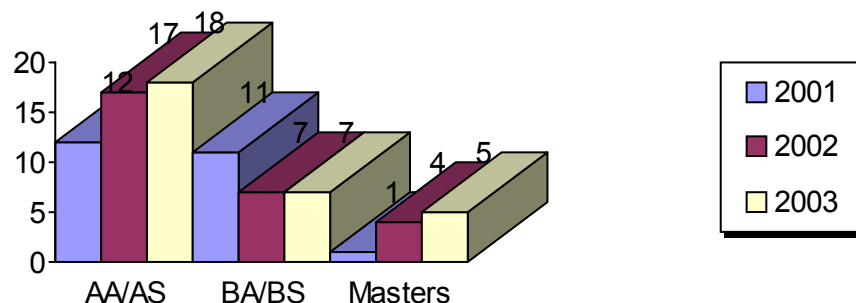
Department personnel continued their developmental education at the college level during 2003. The 100% tuition incentive offered by the City plays a major role in the employees' decision to attend college. By the end of 2003, approximately 45% of the Police Department's full time employees had some type of college degree and approximately 31% of the full time employees were actively working towards a college degree. The following data reflects Leesburg Police Department education statistics for the year.



Employees with a degree



Employees working on degree



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Community Services Section

The Community Services Section conducted over one hundred (100) presentations to local churches, civic groups, and community action groups in the Leesburg area in 2003. These presentations included the following topics:

Crime Prevention

Personal Safety

Neighborhood Watch

Drug Education

Child Safety

School Safety

The Neighborhood Watch program continued to work with the established watch groups in the city. Department representatives met with the groups and provided assistance with community activities. Safety presentations were also conducted for the groups. The total number of Neighborhood Watch Groups in the city is fifteen (15).

***Neighborhood Watch
Groups:***



Carver Heights

The Meadows

Legacy

Ralph's Trailer Park

Timber Ridge Mobile Home Park

Cooke Street

Oak Street

Lake Shore Mobile Home Park

Coachwood Colony

Belle Oak Community

Palmora Park

Royal Oak Estates

Woodland Park

Goss Avenue

Lone Oak

D.A.R.E.[®]

The Leesburg D.A.R.E. Officers instructed the D.A.R.E. curriculum to over 325 students in elementary schools.



The following programs and affiliations were continued during the 2003 calendar year:

- The D.A.R.E. program (elementary schools)
- School Resource Officer (Middle and High Schools)
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Police Explorers
- Cops and Kids
- Christmas Bicycle Giveaway (35 bikes)
- Business and Residential Surveys
- "Kritters for Kids"
- "If I Were A Thief"
- Career Day (various schools/groups)
- MADDADS
- Black Heritage Festival
- Drug Free Inc, affiliation
- Lake County Juvenile Justice affiliation



"Building a Better Future"

- Gun Safety program
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Registry
- National Night Out
- Leesburg African-American Male Summit
- Carver Heights Community Block Party
- Leesburg Chamber of Commerce
- Middle Schools CAC advisory committees
- Boys and Girls Club advisory board
- Safety Expo
- Bicycle Safety Program
- Senior Expo
- Youth Safety Expo and Car Show
- Youth Crime Watch
- D.A.R.E. Day
- Participation in the MLK Community Celebrations
- Lake County Citizens Commission for Children
- Affiliate of Lake County Safe Kids Coalition



- LHS Prom Promise
- Fingerprinting
- Junior Athletic Games (JAG)
- B.I.G. Award
- Active Recruiting Program
- Police Website management
- SRO training program

- National Guard's "About Face" program
- Affiliate of the Youth Action Network, Inc.
- D.A.R.E. Power Point Presentations
- Magic Basketball games for area youth
- Certified Convenience Store Inspections
- Parenting Awareness Training (Drug and Gang education)
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- National Trainer for Youth Crime Watch of America
- Florida Association of School Resource Officers training conference
- Executive Board of Directors of Florida DARE Officers Association

The Community Service Section currently have one certified Crime Prevention Practitioner and two other officers who are in the process of completing classes for certification through the Florida Attorney General's Office.

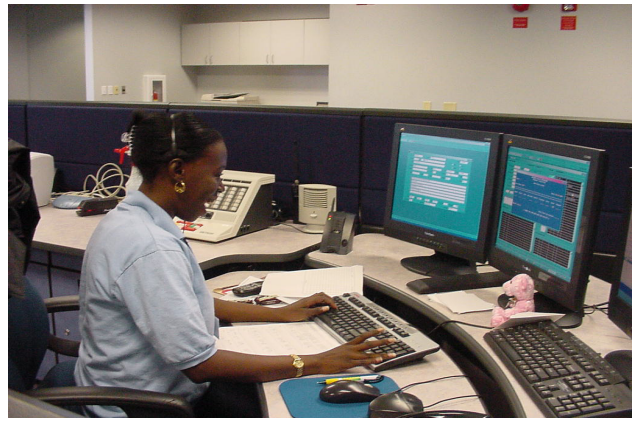
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Support Services Division

The Support Services Division has the mission of performing support activities for the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. The following are statistical reports of the activities of each Section.

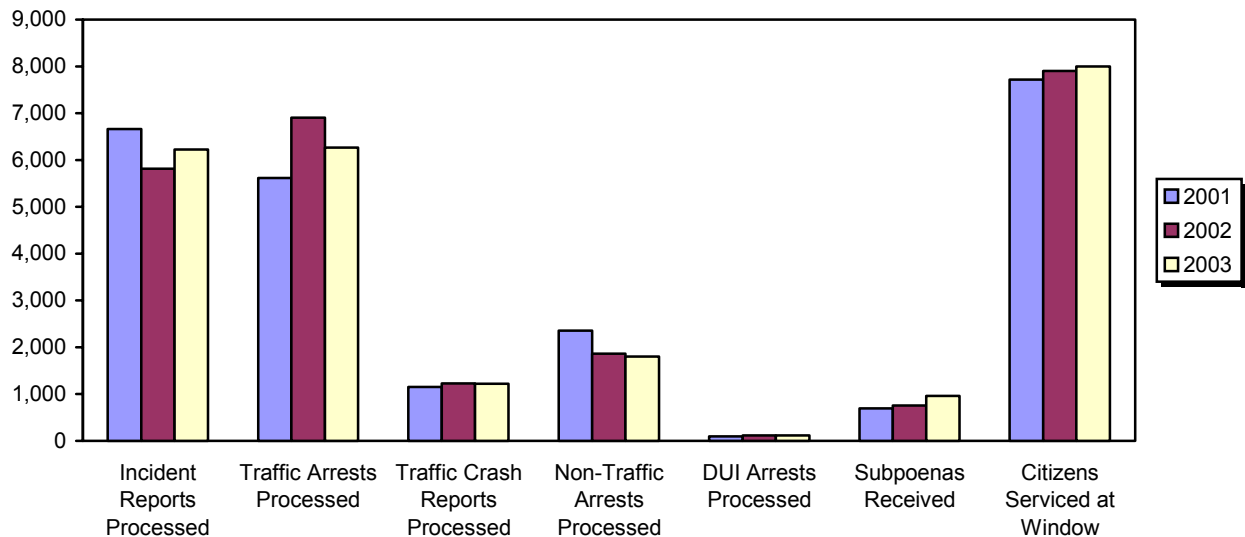
Communications Section

The Communications Section processed 44,060 calls for service in 2003. Of these, 5,397 were 9-1-1 calls. There were 165 Telecommunications Device for the Deaf calls/tests performed during the year. There were 4,410 calls processed for the Fire Department. There were 1,770 hours of training and instruction accomplished during 2003. The Communications Section is 100% APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officers) certified.



Records Section

The Records Section processed 6,221 incident reports, 1,220 traffic crash reports, 6,265 traffic tickets, 1,802 non-traffic arrests, and accepted 963 subpoenas for court appearances. Records logs indicate 7,996 citizens came into the Department lobby and were assisted by members of the Section. The computerized reporting system continues to be an enhancement to accomplishing the Section's mission in an efficient manner.



Code Enforcement Section



The Code Enforcement Section received 1,839 calls for service during the 2003 calendar year. Corrective action was taken to abate the violations and compliance was obtained. Cases brought before the Code Enforcement Board totaled 136. Compliance has been achieved in these matters, or a fine is running against the violator.

During the year, there were 63 complaints and questions referred to outside agencies, requiring no further action by this office. Another 768 calls for information and/or suggestions regarding various situations were handled within the Code Enforcement Section and required no report.

Due to the increasing calls regarding code violations, a second Code Enforcement Officer was added in 2003 to assist in handling the case load.

Statistics:

Code Enforcement Complaints Received: 1,839

Verbal/Written Warnings Issued: 960

Complaints Referred to Other Agencies: 63

Information and Unfounded Complaint Only Calls: 768

Cases Presented to Code Enforcement Board: 136



Animal Control Unit



The Animal Control Unit remained active during the year, processing a total of 1,715 calls for service within the community. These calls for service included rendering information to the public, animal bites, aggressive animals, animals at large and injured animals. These calls were not solely regarding domestic animals but also included various wildlife.

Animal Captures: Dogs: 102 Cats: 184 Other: 107 Total: 393

Animal Bites Reported: Dogs: 16 Cats: 5 Other: 1 Total: 22

Calls Requiring Action: 913

Info and Referral: 802

Total Calls: 1,715

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NOTICES ISSUED FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD ACTION:



Verbal Warning: 43
Written Warning: 108
Notice to Appear: 3
Cases Presented to Board: 1